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SUBJECT: GOP ANNOUNCES SUHARTO-MARCOS MEETING

1. DPI SECRETARY TATAD ANNOUNCED INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS MARCOS AND SUHARTO TO BE HELD LAST WEEK OF MAY. MEETING SAID TO BE IN LINE WITH POLICY OF MAINTAINING CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AMONG ASEAN NATIONS AND AT INVITATION INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. TATAD STATEMENT ON MAY 21 SAID ONLY THAT MEETING EXPECTED TOUCH ON WIDE RANGE TOPICS AFFECTING INTERESTS BOTH INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF REGION AT LARGE. HE CONFIRMED MEETING WOULD HAVE "SOMETHING TO DO WITH STABILITY OF REGION." MAY 22 EVENING EXPRESS REPORTED IN UNATTRIBUTED STORY THAT MEETING WILL INCLUDE GOI MEDIATION EFFORTS ON PHILIPPINE SABAH CLAIM AND ALLEGED MALAYSIAN INVOLVEMENT WITH PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS.

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3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S VOYAGE IS REMARK-

ABLY LOW KEY GIVEN FACT THIS IS FIRST TIME HE HAS LEFT
COUNTRY SINCE ILL-FATED VISIT TO MALAYSIA IN 1968. ALTHOUGH
THERE IS NO DOUBT LITTLE CONFUSION IN PUBLIC MIND AS TO
MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP, GOP SUGGESTION THAT VISIT IS
TAKING PLACE IN RESPONSE TO INDONESIAN INVITATION IS CLEARLY
INTENDED TO AVOID MAKING GOP APPEAR OVER ANXIOUS ABOUT
POSSIBLE OUTCOME, WHILE CREATING IMPRESSION GOP HAS IN-
CREASINGLY FRIENDLY ALLY IN INDONESIA.
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